From the Principal’s desk ..... 

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the organisation of our very first Art Show/Auction. The evening was a huge success and feedback from all those who attended was extremely positive. Everyone was amazed at the exceptional quality of the Art work produced by our students and how incredible the school looked for the event. Staff spent many hours in setting up and preparing for the event. The food was outstanding as was the attendance. Along with many of our local Politicians, we had a good representation of family members all bidding for some brilliant pieces of art. We were amazed that we were able to raise close to $4000. We are hoping this becomes a regular event.

The new building is starting to take shape, we have seen the pylons poured and today the bottom floor slab has also been poured. This gives us a really good indication of the size of the building and the potential. The project is currently behind due to a few unforeseeable issues but I am told we can expect completion sometime early October.

Staff have recently undertaken some Professional Development in the teaching of Maths. This program “First Steps in Maths” gives teachers ideas around teaching many aspects of Maths such as measurement, weight, volume etc. This was a 2.5 hour session after school with a further 2.5 session in the last week of term. We will then facilitate further Professional Development during term 3 to help teachers deliver in their classrooms.

As winter approaches, the need for students to wear warm clothing will increase. Please ensure all items of clothing have your child’s name clearly marked as often students will remove their jumpers etc. during the day as the day warms up. Students will often leave their jumper laying around and this makes it hard to locate the owner if there is no name.

Andrew Thompson.
Principal
LP1

Hi everyone!

LP1 have had a great fortnight. We have been working very hard on our new letter sounds 'n' and 'ck' and our new words 'it' and 'had'. The students have finished their swimming for this term and will be participating in a Gross Motor program next term run by our resident Physio Melanie. As the weather cools down, it is great to see our students dressed warmly and appropriately. Recently, our school had their first Art Auction and it was great to see some brilliant work made by our students. Until next fortnight, LP1, Miss Ish, Miss Lynda and Miss Susan.

LP2

LP2 has really settled into the term this past fortnight. We are working hard on maths and literacy and practicing our skills. We have been having lots of fun playing with bubbles and balloons, at the moment it is our favourite activity. We are still reading about Hairy Maclary and are getting really good and describing all of the characters. Jazmyn was very kind and bought in a Hairy Maclary DVD for us to watch. It really helps us to understand the story better – thanks Jazmyn! We started Art this term and we made some beautiful pieces to display at the Art show and auction. We hope to make more beautiful art to display in our classroom.

Miss Erin, Sue and Tracey

LP3

Lower Primary Three have been busy finalising all of our assessments ready for reporting. We have also been completing all of our diagnostic tests. These include diagnostic Reading, Spelling and Maths. These tests will help to inform me of what Maths and English units LP3 will be working on next Semester. Our visits to the Ipswich Town Library every Monday are fantastic. The children are very familiar with our routine now, and are always very well behaved in the Library. LP3 have really settled into the routine of having different teachers throughout the week. We use a visual of the days of the week chart with photos of which teacher is on class each day. The children have responded well to this change.

Miss Kristy, Miss Sarah, Mr David, Melissa and Fiona
UP1

UP1 has had a couple of Birthdays to celebrate in the last 2 weeks. The students have been working hard on sight words and writing in Literacy. In numeracy we have been revising our numbers and addition and subtraction. Testing has been the main focus for the students and all have been trying very hard. PE has been great fun for them as they have been learning how to play soccer and will hopefully progress to attending the soccer day on the last Thursday of term.

Miss Naomi, Miss Kathy, and Miss Belinda.

UP2

Continuing our work on our history unit, Upper Primary 2 has demonstrated their understandings about the past and the present. Our assessment involved sequencing events in order. We have all worked hard to improve our understanding of the concept of the past being a period of time as having gone and the present as a period of time described as current, or occurring now. We have also been enjoying our weekly reading with our buddy class and have begun a shared class blog, called "Pavlova Learning", to share our weekly visits between the classes. This is a nice way of sharing and we look forward to reading each other's entries.

Miss Michele, Angela and Kylie

UP3

In Maths the class has made a simple map of the school. Taken the map into the school grounds and referred to it as they gave and followed directions (e.g. To get from our room to the library go along the path. You’ll get to the playground if you go past the toilets.). The class has also used coordinates to locate items on maps. They have also given coordinates for items located on maps. In English they have started their English assessment piece. They began with comprehension questions about each of the narratives to help identify the informative parts of the literary text.

I had added new Studdyladder activities for Homework, these activities support the work in class on coordinates. All the boys have now achieved their Bronze certificate for Reading 40 books. Well done!

Sarah, Anthea, Margaret & Susan
UP4

UP4 continues to be awesome 6 weeks into Term 2. We are also excited to welcome a new student to our class next week. As we are halfway through another term, I am pleased to note the progress in the boys in behaviour and classwork. Some days can be challenging and other days, a breeze but each day we learn something new about ourselves and each other. It is surprising but wonderful to hear the boys asking for MORE school work and even homework! Thank you to the parents for their support and to every person who takes an interest in the progress of the boys in UP4.

Neve, Debbie and Gwen

LS1

A very big thank you for helping to create a cancer-free future by supporting our "Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea" on Thursday 29th May.

Students in Junior Secondary 1 are well on their way to completing diagnostic tests in Reading, Spelling and Maths. In Literature we’ve finished reading Peasant Prince, Stolen Girl and The Shack that Dad Built. All three stories had the theme of “family togetherness” running through it. These stories were thoroughly enjoyed by the students and interesting discussions ensued. In maths learning is continuing in Multiplication and Division. Students are continuing work on Book Creator to complete their story of The Tiger.

Mrs Singh, Carol & Kylie

LS2

These past two weeks we have been busy little bees. CBL we went to Ipswich Library, returned and borrowed books, went shopping at Coles for ingredients and then went to Browns Park for a picnic party for Kea-Lee’s 14th Birthday. The ingredients we bought were to make Fried Rice for the staff to raise money for our class camp at the end of the year. This cooking experience didn’t turn out as well as we expected as there was a lot of 'hick ups' that occurred throughout our prep and cooking time. We will have it down pat for next cooking lesson though which will be rice paper rolls. We have been revising our maths and English we have been sitting the Waddington Test which covers reading, spelling and all areas of mathematics. We have been listening to chapter books during out lunch time while we eat. We enjoyed listening to Paul Jennings Paw Thing and Miss Joreja, a volunteer teacher, read us Ferdinand the Brave. We performed in front of the school with Mr Bill & Miss Kathy drumming rhythmic beats we have been learning this term. We were awesome.

Miss Laura, Sheryl and Kathy
**LS3**

It’s hard to believe we’re half way through the term already! LS3 has been working hard and there are still heaps of things to do. In maths we have shifted focus to our money handling skills. We have concluded our work on angles and all the students scored very high on their assessment. In history we have completed our work about commemorations and celebrations in Australia and around the world. We have now moved on to an investigation of historical narratives. In groups of two the students have been challenged to conduct research about a historical figure in Ipswich and then write a narrative about that person. In English our storyboards are coming along very well. The students have been challenged to construct a storyboard related to our text, *The Forest of Hands and Teeth*. Within the storyboard the students must depict at least two characters where one is telling the other how to do something (*procedural text*). So far this has been lots of fun. In science the students have completed their assessments and, once again, everyone scored very high on their assessment. The students also had fun conducting an investigation about shadows. This involved measuring the movements of shadows throughout the course of a school day. Our CBL excursions are continuing with a strong focus on money handling and community signs. We are working at our fishing and beginning preparations for our camp in October.

Mr. Tom, Miss Justine, Miss Margaret

**ART STUDIO**

The Art team would like to send out a HUGE THANKYOU to those parents who were able to attend our Art Auction last Friday evening. Great to have your support. What a fabulous night!!! With raffles, artworks and Auction pieces, we were able to raise almost $4000!!!!!!

Well done IWSSS. We had a wonderful response from our VIP’s, who included Andrew Antonioli, Charlie Pisasale, Ian Berry, Shayne Neuman and Peter Blatch. They were all very impressed with the standard of the artworks displayed, and with the creativity and commitment that is evident in our students’ work. All of our students should be extremely proud of their efforts. Looking forward to our next celebration of Art!!!

Much thanks from the Art team: Miss Sarah, Miss Justine and Miss Sheryl.
The last couple of weeks in the kitchen we have been extremely busy preparing food for the Art Auction, and the Biggest Morning Tea. The students have worked really hard to create some very challenging recipes, and their abilities to follow instructions and co-operate with each other has been amazing! Well done all our SAKGF students!

Last two weeks have been very busy in the gardening program. We bottled the worm wee out of the worm farm. The students designed the labels and downloaded information on the internet, decided on a price and sold most bottles at the Art Auction. They also learnt measurement and discussed what concentrate and dilute mean. All students have participated well and are excited to have started construction on our arbour for the passionfruit vine. We will be taking order for the worm wee, $5.00 a bottle.

Regards,
Melissa